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SUBJECT: ARTICLE 98 RATIFICATION NOW ON FAST TRACK

(C) During an October 20 meeting in Kuwait with A/S Lincoln Bloomfield Jr. and PDASD Peter Flory, Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Al-Salem Al-Sabah, stated that the Article 98 issue would be resolved shortly. Dr. Mohammed explained that he had fast-tracked the ratification issue so that it would be on the Parliament's agenda when it reconvenes on October 26.

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